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II. Claims 8-17, drawn to a nucleic acid, vector, host cell and method of expression

III. Claims 19-20, drawn to a method of preventing or treating a bone loss

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Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the invention corresponding to Group I, Claims 1-7 and 18.

Applicant acknowledge that the remaining claims 8-17 and 19-20 are withdrawn from further consideration.

Requirements for disclosure of nucleotide sequences and/or amino acid sequences

The Examiner has indicated that the application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Applicants submit herewith a sequence listing in paper and computer-readable form and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same. Applicants believe that the application is in compliance with the requirements for sequence disclosures.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that Claims 1-7 and 18 are in condition for allowance and an early notice thereof is solicited.

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